

REMARKS

Claims 2-14 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 2-3, 5 and 7 are amended. Claim 1 is canceled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter contained therein. Reconsideration based on the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants greatly appreciate the indication in the Office Action that claims 8-14 are allowed. Applicants also greatly appreciate the indication in the Office Action that claims 2 and 7 recite allowable subject matter.

I. Claim Rejections under §112

The Office Action rejects claims 5 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

The Office Action asserts that "the impendence element" recited at line 24 of claim 5 lacks antecedent basis. Claim 5 is amended to depend from claim 2. The antecedent basis for "the impendence element" recited in claim 5, is found in claim 2. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 5 as amended obviates the §112 rejection.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

II. The Claims Define Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 3 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Boomgaard (U.S. Patent No. 4,903,006).

The Office Action asserts that Boomgaard teaches all of the features of claims 1, 3 and 4. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 3 and 4 as amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 2 obviates the rejection.

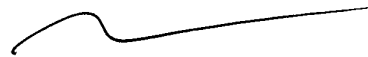
Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 2-14 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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